Fourth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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The Conference recalls that this article requires that "twenty-five years after entry into force of the Treaty, a Conference shall be convened to decide whether the Treaty shall continue in force indefinitely, or shall be extended for an additional fixed period or periods." The Conference further recalls that the Treaty entered into force on 5 March 1970. The Conference therefore decides that a Conference should be held in 1995, as soon as practicable after 5 March, to make a choice from among these alternatives.

The Conference further notes that 1995 falls at a five-year interval from the Fourth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty, and that there should be an opportunity at that time for a full review of the Treaty's operation since the Fourth Review Conference, consistent with the terms of article VIII(3) of the Treaty.

Therefore, the Conference invites States party to the Treaty which are members of the United Nations to request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to include the following item in the provisional agenda of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly:

"Implementation of the conclusion of the Fourth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and establishment of a Preparatory Committee for a single conference on Review of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and on consideration of whether the Treaty shall continue in force indefinitely, or shall be extended for an additional fixed period or periods."

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The Conference decides that the Preparatory Committee for the 1995 Non-Proliferation Treaty Conference shall be composed of the Parties to the Treaty serving on the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency or represented in the Conference on Disarmament, as well as any Party to the Treaty that may express an interest in participating in the work of the Preparatory Committee.

The Conference also decides that such a Preparatory Committee should hold its first meeting in New York for one week in April/May 1993 in order to initiate the preparatory work for the 1995 Conference, including:

(a) draft agenda of the Conference;

(b) rules of procedure of the Conference;

(c) background papers for the Conference;

(d) arrangements for meeting the costs of the Conference and its preparation;

(e) other organizational matters;

(f) further meetings of the Preparatory Committee;

(g) any other business considered relevant by the Preparatory Committee.